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The platform of the National Meeting of Public Health Workers held in the presence of the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung

National Meeting of Public Health Workers Held in Presence of the Respected and Beloved Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG

The National Meeting of Public Health Workers which opened at the Mansudae Assembly Hall in Pyongyang in the presence of the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung closed on June 2 after winding up its work successfully.

The meeting discussed the problem of developing public health service onto a new, higher stage for the thorough implementation of the programmatic tasks given by the great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung to the domain of the public health work at the Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Respectfully placed on the platform of the meeting hall was a portrait of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of our Party and the 40 million Korean people, outstanding Marxist-Leninist and genius of the revolution, who has been confidently leading our revolution along one road of victory for nearly half a century since he set out on the road of revolution in his early years, taking upon himself the destiny of the fatherland and the nation and personally pulling through all storms.

On the background was a model of soaring Mt. Paekdu-san, symbolizing the brilliant revolutionary traditions of our Party established by the great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung in the flames of the heroic anti-Japanese armed struggle and spread there was the national flag of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the glorious fatherland.

Present at the meeting were functionaries of the Party and government organs of all levels, workers of the therapeutic and prophylactic organs, workers in the fields of pharmaceutical and medical instruments industries, workers of scientific and educational institutions in the domain of public health and functionaries of the ministries and central organs.

At 8:30 a.m., the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and Premier of the Cabinet of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, appeared on the platform.

The entire attendants rose to their feet and warmly welcomed the fatherly Leader with stormy cheers of "Long live Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader!" which shook the meeting hall, and with prolonged, thunderous applause.

The meeting hall was full of feelings of infinite adoration of, trust in and ardent loyalty to Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of our Party and the 40 million Korean people, who founded the great *Juche* idea and, brightly illumining the road ahead of the Korean revolution with the immortal revolutionary idea, organized and led to victory the struggle for the liberation of the fatherland, the peaceful construction after liberation, the Fatherland Liberation War and the socialist revolution and socialist construction and converted our country in a short span of time into a socialist power with complete political independence, firm self-sustaining national economy, indestructible self-defence potential and splendid national culture, and has led public health service along one road of victory and shows paternal concern for the protection and promotion of the health of our people.

Women public health workers presented a basket of fragrant flowers carrying the feelings of infinite adoration of the attendants of the meeting and the entire public health workers of our country to Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people and benevolent father of the public health workers, amid the cheers of *manse* (hurrah) and thunderous applause rocking the meeting hall.

The platform was also taken up by Comrades Kim Il, O Jin U, Han Ik Su, Chong Jun Taek, Yang Hyong Sop and Kim Man Gum, and Vice-President Kang Ryang Uk of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly, department directors of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Ministers of the Cabinet and labour innovators in the domains of public health, pharmaceutical and medical instruments industries.

The meeting opened with the playing of the Patriotic Song.

Comrade Chong Jun Taek, Vice-Premier of the Cabinet, delivered a report on the agenda of the meeting: "Let Us Effect a Great Revolutionary Upsurge in the Public Health Service by Unconditionally Carrying Through to the End the Programmatic Instructions Given by the Respected and Beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung at the Fifth Congress of Our Party."

The reporter said that Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Marxist-Leninist of our time, arranged this national meeting of public health workers and honoured it with his personal presence, though pressed for time. This, he said, is a manifestation of profound solicitude of the Leader who always shows paternal concern for the promotion of the health of our people, an expression of his deep love for and high expectation from our public health workers and the greatest happiness and highest honour for the entire public health workers.

The reporter quoted the teaching of the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung: "Nothing is more precious than man under our system. We should develop the public health services to protect the lives of men and further promote the health of the working people."

He continued: Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of our Party and the 40 million Korean people, taking into full account the importance of public health service, has attached great significance to it since he set out on the road of the revolution in his early years and clearly indicated the direction and methods of developing public health service and paid profound attention to its development.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the revolution, already in the period of the anti-Japanese armed struggle, shaped the *Juche*-oriented line on establishing a public health service system and carried out popular measures for medical services in the guerilla bases and in this course established the brilliant tradition of the public health services in our country, and after liberation he advanced the *Juche*-oriented line on further developing the public health services in conformity with the demand of the deepening and developing revolution and construction in each period of the development of the revolution.

The reporter said with particular emphasis that Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Marxist-Leninist of our time, clearly indicated for the first time in history the most correct way to be taken by public health service in the period following the establishment of socialist system.

The reporter also dwelt on the fact that the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung not only set forth the clear-cut direction and policy for the development of health service at each stage of revolution and construction but also studied in detail concrete problems for their implementation and gave personal guidance in their solution.

Saying that shining achievements have been made in public health service over the last period thanks to the wise leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the revolution, and his paternal solicitude, the reporter continued:

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, taught us:

"Today when the people are the masters of the country, there are no more exploitation and oppression, hunger and poverty in our country and the entire people live in happiness and the desire of the people to live long in good health is being gradually translated into reality thanks to our Party's health policy for the people."

With the realization of the grand plan of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, for the upbuilding of public health services, the average life span of the people has been extended by more than 26 years compared with that in the pre-liberation days and thus the age-old aspiration of the people to live long free from all diseases is now being splendidly realized and our country which had been far removed from modern civilization in the past has become a cultured country where the most advanced socialist public health service system is shedding its radiant rays.

Our country which had only nine hospitals and scores of medical workers at the time of liberation and which could not produce a tablet of aspirin and a single pincette has been converted into a most advanced country with dense medical service networks and a large contingent of 250,000 public health workers and a solid independent foundation of the pharmaceutical and medical appliances industries successfully producing antibiotics and other modern medicaments and medical appliances and it now ranks among the most advanced countries in the world in the per-capita number of doctors and medical establishments and hospital beds.

With the rapid progress of public health service the world's most excellent, perfect and universal free medical service system has been successfully introduced in our country.

The perfect and universal free medical service system is, indeed, a communist policy born and developed in our country; this is a precious fruition of the great *Juche* idea of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, and his outstanding leadership and a brilliant embodiment of the warm love and paternal care of the Leader for the people.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the revolution, authored "Socialist Medicine Is Prophylactic Medicine," a classic work, in which he made an overall systematization of the Marxist-Leninist theories on socialist medicine and gave most correct answers to the theoretical and practical questions arising from the implementation of the prophylactic medical policy. As a result of the thorough implementation of the prophylactic medical policy of the Party shaped by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, with originality, hygienic conditions in town and country, streets and villages, are improving to fit in with socialist society.

Such malignant epidemics as cholera, typhoid fever, malaria, encephalitis have been already eradicated, he declared.

The reporter said: Thanks to the paternal solicitude of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader and benevolent father of our children, the children are growing as reliable reserves who will succeed to our revolution at the creches at state and social expenses.

The reporter referred to the fact that under the personal guidance and deep care of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, reliable medical research centres—the Academy of Medical Science and scores of medical institutes embracing thousands of research workers—have been built in our country and scientific and technical problems raised by public health services are solved by our own efforts.

The reporter went on:

In his historic speeches "Public Health Workers Should Be True Servants of the People" and "Public Health Workers Should Be Red Soldiers of the Party" Comrade Kim Il Sung, the outstanding Leader of the revolution, set forth the original line of educating and training all the public health workers into true protectors of the people's lives through the vigorous promotion of the ideological revolution and clarified the concrete tasks and ways for its implementation.

Along the line indicated by the great Leader of the revolution Comrade Kim Il Sung in these classic works the ideological revolution has been vigorously carried on among the public health workers in the past period. As a result, today the unitary ideological system of the Party has been established more firmly than ever among the public health workers and the revolutionary trait of fighting, devoting their all, for the Party and the Leader is developing and the sincerity for the patients is being displayed to a high degree. With their infinite love for men and boundless sincerity for the patients our Red public health workers successfully cure many diseases considered incurable in capitalist society and they are giving full play to the superiority of the socialist public health service system of our country.

Then the reporter referred to the fact that the people in South Korea under the U.S. imperialists' occupation are dying without getting any medical care and health and hygienic conditions are wofully bad under the fascist terror rule of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique.

The reporter extended full support to the heroic struggle of the South Korean revolutionaries and patriotic medical workers to overthrow the U.S. imperialists' colonial rule and the Pak Jung Hi puppet "regime."

Recalling that Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of our Party and the 40 million Korean people, set forth at the historic Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea the programmatic tasks for developing public health services onto a new, higher stage so as to meet the demand of the deepening and developing revolution and construction of the country, the reporter said:

The programmatic tasks set forth by him are a great programme of socialist public health service embodying in itself the lawful demand of our revolution for accelerating the complete victory of socialism by eliminating the difference in the living conditions of the workers and peasants and the urban and rural population and attaining an even enhancement of the people's living standards and the indispensable requisite for incessant promotion of the health of the people.

At the Second Enlarged Plenum of the Fifth Central Committee of the Party held recently Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader, again set forth the programmatic tasks for radically developing public health services including the tasks for improving the guidance of Party organizations in the field of public health service, increasing social assistance, forcefully carrying on the ideological revolution among the public health workers and rapidly developing medical science and technique.

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Personal Letter and Gift from Comrade KIM IL SUNG, the Great Leader of the 40 Million Korean People, to GAAFAR MOHAMED NIMERI, President of the Revolution Command Council and Prime Minister of DRS,

Conveyed by Head of Government Delegation of Our Country

Gaafar Mohamed Nimeri, President of the Revolution Command Council and Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan, met on May 18 the government delegation of our country headed by Comrade Pak Sung Chul, Member of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and Second Vice-Premier of the Cabinet, which visited the Sudan, according to a report from Khartoum.

Comrade Pak Sung Chul, head of the government delegation of our country, conveyed a personal letter and gift from Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, to President Gaafar Mohamed Nimeri.

Present on the occasion were the entire members of the government delegation of our country.

Also present was Amin Eldin Ahmed, Secretary for External Relations to the President of the Revolution Command Council of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan.

A friendly talk took place on the occasion. **(KCNA)**

Personal Letter and Gift from Comrade KIM IL SUNG, the Great Leader of the 40 Million Korean People, to President HAFEZ AL ASSAD of SAR

Conveyed by Party and Government Delegation of Our Country

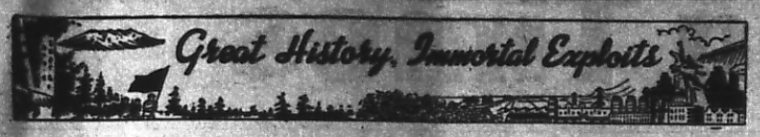
Hafez Al Assad, President of the Syrian Arab Republic, received on May 23 the Party and government delegation of our country headed by Comrade Pak Sung Chul, Member of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and Second Vice-Premier of the Cabinet, according to a report from Damascus.

Head of the Party and government delegation of our country Comrade Pak Sung Chul conveyed a personal letter and gift from Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, to President Hafez Al Assad.

Present on the occasion were the entire members of the Party and government delegation of our country.

Also on hand were Abdel Halim Khaddam, Member of the Syrian Regional Leadership of the Arab Socialist Baath Party, Deputy Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs; and Assad Pual Yas, Press Secretary to the President of the Syrian Arab Republic.

A friendly conversation took place on the occasion. **(KCNA)**



Undying Beacon Fire That Threw Dawn of Hope for Fatherland Restoration

Thirty-four years ago, on the night of June 4, 1937 the streets of Pochonbo were in furious flames of revolution.

The dark land in the depth of misery shone bright with the dawn of hope for fatherland restoration and the whole country writhing under oppression and utter humiliation bubbled over with joy and deep emotion.

The great Leader of revolution Comrade Kim Il Sung, the national hero and ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander, led himself the Korean People's Revolutionary Army to Pochonbo and fought the historic Pochonbo battle triumphantly that day.

The Pochonbo battle was the splendid realization of the line of advance into the homeland, the line planned and advanced long ago by the great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

The advance of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army into the homeland was urgently required by the situation and the development of the Korean revolution at that time.

In those days the Japanese imperialist aggressors further intensified their fascist suppression and plunder of the Korean people in an attempt to convert our country into their solid "rear" for their invasion of the continent.

The Japanese imperialists, croaking about "The Japanese and Koreans are of the same ancestry" or "Japan and Korea are one," tried to paralyze the national and class consciousness of our people. On the other hand, the rascals committed without hesitation a brutal atrocity of arresting, imprisoning or murdering all Korean Communists and patriotic-minded people they could lay hands on and exploited the Korean people more cruelly, and forced upon them arduous labour. Indeed, Korea was a land of darkness.

In March 1937 the great Leader of revolution Comrade Kim Il Sung held a Conference of the Leading Functionaries of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army units in Hsikang, Fusung county in order to deal a heavier blow to the Japanese imperialist aggressors and, at the same time, infuse the conviction of victory and fighting spirit into the hearts of the Korean people who lived in darkness, where he, basing himself on a scientific analysis of the then situation and the subjective and objective requirements of the development of revolution and the correlation of forces between the enemy and our army, put forward a new strategic and tactical line for the advance into the homeland.

The respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung taught to the following effect:

...We have to advance into our homeland. Only then can we imbue the people in the homeland groaning under the rule of Japanese imperialism with confidence in the victory of the revolution. It will also be a great inspiration to the people merely to inform them that our People's Revolutionary Army formed of sons and daughters of the Korean people exists well.

Our advance into the fatherland is not to attack any big city to occupy it. Just entering Korea and shooting several rounds of bullets would be enough to give great courage to our people.

It will be a great demonstration, if a big combined unit of stout Korean Communists marches into the homeland in grand style.

The great significance of our advance into the fatherland lies in giving our people the conviction that Korea will surely be restored....

Shortly after the historic conference in Hsikang, the Korean People's Revolutionary Army units started advance into the homeland with redoubled courage, faithfully following the line set forth by the pre-eminent Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

The main force led in person by the great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung was to advance into Pochonbo from the secret camp of Hsikang, Fusung county, via Changpai, operating in the central part, the direction of main blows. With a view to dispersing and confusing the enemy, he brought into action the units charged with the mission of operating in the direction of auxiliary blows before the main force. Having confused the enemy, he, leading himself the main force, started the expedition to Pochonbo, object of main blows.

Late in May, the great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung arrived at Chihyangkai, Changpai county. There he made full combat preparations for advance to Pochonbo in the homeland.

He convened a meeting of commanding personnel of the unit first and gave them concrete instructions for advance to Pochonbo.

He then sent scouts to the border area and Pochonbo to fully acquaint himself with the enemy's movements and drew up a detailed combat plan envisaging the distance of march of our unit, the targets and methods of attack, the formation of combat ranks, the time of assault, the political work among the masses, etc.

On the morning of June 3, 1937 the expeditionary force of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army under the personal command of the great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung reached the Kusigol Hill from where the armymen could command a view of the mountains and rivers of the fatherland.

That night, he led the unit across the River Amnok-gang through the frontier guard line which the enemy bragged of as an "iron wall" and climbed at dawn on June 4 the Konjangdok Hill, where he ordered the unit to rest.

Greeting the first dawn in the homeland which they had eagerly longed to see, his men were overcome by unbounded emotion and seized with stirring excitement. They made full combat preparations there.

Soon after sunset, he ordered the unit to start. All the subunits reached the designated places respectively and took up battle position.

At ten o'clock that night, his gun reports signalling the start of attack reverberated through the streets. Under the command of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander, the men of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army rushed into the dens of the enemies like an angry lion and wiped them out.

The raging fire quickly consumed the police substation of Japanese imperialism, the agricultural experimental station where armed exservicemen of Japanese imperialism were posted, the sub-county office, the forest protection office and the post office. Columns of flames went up high into the sky.

Pochonbo was a great beacon fire. It was a beacon fire clearly showing that Korea was not dead but alive and the sons and daughters of Korea were resolutely fighting against the enemy and was an undying beacon fire clearly pointing out the road to victory in the revolution and to liberation to our oppressed people.

The Ten-point Programme of the Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland, the proclamation and written appeal were pasted on the walls and handbills scattered throughout the streets.

People poured out of alleys and lanes and vyingly thronged the street in front of the police substation where the great Leader of revolution Comrade Kim Il Sung was, shouting: "General Kim Il Sung has come!" and "Our Revolutionary Army has come!"

They gave enthusiastic welcome to Comrade Kim Il Sung, the peerless patriot and national hero, shouting at the top of their voice: "Long live General Kim Il Sung!" "Long live the Korean revolution!" and "Long live the independence of Korea!"

Warmly returning the salute of the cheering crowds, he delivered a fiery speech indicating the path the Korean people should follow.

In his speech he laid bare and lashed the Japanese imperialist aggressors' dreadful atrocities and called upon all the anti-Japanese patriotic forces to fight against the enemy for the freedom and independence of the fatherland in close unity. The speech made by the great Leader stirred people deeply and infused into their minds firm confidence in the freedom and liberation of the fatherland and the spirit to fight to that end.

At last the bugle called the withdrawal of the unit.

The guerillas promised to return someday the people waving hands reluctant to part with the guerillas with tears in their eyes and left the still burning town of Pochonbo.

At the urgent report that the Korean People's Revolutionary Army under the personal command of the great Leader of revolution Comrade Kim Il Sung came through the strictly guarded border line and attacked Pochonbo, an important military strategic point, the Japanese imperialists started the chase of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army by mobilizing all their armed forces in the border area.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the military strategist-genius, foresaw the enemy's pursuit, ambushed the men of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army and completely annihilated the enemy on Mt. Kuisan.

The brilliant victory scored by the Korean People's Revolutionary Army in the Pochonbo battle owed entirely to the great *Juche* idea and pre-eminent art of command of the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the military strategist-genius and legendary hero of our nation.

The victory in the Pochonbo battle fought under the personal command of the great Leader of revolution Comrade Kim Il Sung was of great historic significance in the anti-Japanese national liberation movement of the Korean people.

The respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung said as follows:

"The significance lies not in the fact that we killed a few Japs but in the fact that the Pochonbo battle threw revolutionary rays of hope inspiring confidence that the Korean people were not dead but were alive and they could beat Japanese imperialism if they fought against it. The Pochonbo battle declared to the whole world: the Korean people resist Japanese imperialism; they do not accept the idea that Korea and Japan are one; the Japs and the Koreans are not of the same ancestry; the Koreans do not join the Japs in invading China; the Koreans will not abandon their mother tongue, nor will they change their surnames into those of the Japs; the Korean people are not dead but are alive; and they can beat the Japs if they fight against them. This is the strategic significance of the Pochonbo battle. Herein lies the historic significance of the Pochonbo battle." (Kim Il Sung, *Selection of Works*, Vol. V, pp. 504-5.)

The furious flames of revolution that flared up into the nocturnal sky over Pochonbo swept away the dark clouds that hung low over the Korean people and gave a new strength and hope to our people groaning under the tyrannical oppression of Japanese imperialism and showed the whole world that the revolutionary force of the Korean people was invincible and that the Korean nation was not dead but was alive and was wining one victory after another in the struggle against Japanese imperialism.

At the news that the Korean People's Revolutionary Army led by the great Leader of revolution Comrade Kim Il Sung wiped out the enemy in Pochonbo, our people vigorously unfolded the anti-Japanese struggle along the road of revolution indicated by him, regarding it as their greatest honour to have him as the Leader of revolution.

The brilliant victory in the Pochonbo battle inflicted irretrievably heavy blows, political and military, upon the robber Japanese imperialist aggressors and further accelerated the final downfall of the enemy.

The Pochonbo battle not only threw into great confusion the "frontier guard line" much vaunted by the enemy but also shook the Japanese imperialists' rule over Korea to its very foundation. The enemy brought his huge armed forces mobilized for the provocation of the aggressive war to the border area to further strengthen his "frontier guard." The morale of the Japanese imperialist police and army in the border area, however, was destroyed completely.

The victory in the Pochonbo battle was of great significance internationally, too. It immensely inspired the world revolutionary people fighting against international fascism and the imperialist aggressors at that time and showed that the people can defeat any enemy and win victory if they fight in arms under the sagacious guidance of their great Leader.

The victorious Pochonbo battle heightened the dignity and honour of the nation and demonstrated the indomitable revolutionary stamina of the Korean people to the world. It, therefore, holds a brilliant place in the history of the anti-Japanese armed struggle and was a great event that gives an immense inspiration to the liberation struggle of the oppressed people the world over.

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The great Leader of revolution Comrade Kim Il Sung commanding the Pochonbo battle under an aspen tree by the River Karim-chon

Spokesman of DPRK Foreign Ministry Issues Statement

U.S. Imperialists, Immediately Discontinue War of Aggression and Acts of Destruction against Cambodia!

The spokesman of the Foreign Ministry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made public a statement on May 29, fully supporting the just demand and stand of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia manifested in its statement which was issued in denunciation of the criminal act of the U.S. imperialists and their stooges, the Thai and South Vietnamese puppet cliques and the traitorous Lon Nol-Sirik Matak clique, in destroying the Angkor monuments, the historic heritage of Cambodia.

The statement says:

Recently the Royal Government of National Union under the leadership of the National United Front of Kampuchea issued a statement condemning the criminal act of the U.S. imperialists and their stooges, the Thai and South Vietnamese puppet cliques and the traitorous Lon Nol-Sirik Matak clique, in destroying the Angkor monuments, the historic heritage of Cambodia, and calling upon the world people who love justice and peace to strongly demand the U.S. imperialist aggressors to cease immediately their war of aggression in Cambodia.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea fully supports the just demand and stand of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia manifested in this statement.

The U.S. imperialists and their stooges disclose all the more fully their true colours as the vicious aggressors and plunderers and unpardonable war criminals by slaughtering guiltless inhabitants at random and plundering and destroying precious cultural heritages at will, while expanding and intensifying with greater frenzy the barbarous acts of aggression and war against the Cambodian people.

The U.S. imperialists are the very barbarians accustomed to invading others' countries and plundering and destroying valuable creations of talented peoples.

The U.S. imperialists had systematically robbed our country, too, of its time-honoured historic, cultural relics and destroyed all the cultural relics including temples during the Korean war.

The Korean people vehemently denounce with surging indignation the barbarous act of the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys in destroying the Angkor monuments, the historic heritage which is not only the most precious national legacy of the fraternal Cambodian people but also the valuable cultural wealth of the world.

The U.S. imperialists must immediately discontinue their war of aggression and acts of destruction against Cambodia and take their blood-stained hands off Indochina.

If the U.S. imperialists and their stooges persist in their war of aggression against Cambodia and act of destroying her cultural heritages, they will be unable to escape more resolute denunciation of the Cambodian people and the peace-loving people the world over and will hasten their ruin by themselves.

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The reporter referred to the tasks for the fulfilment of the programmatic tasks set before the public health work by the Leader.

In conclusion, the reporter, reflecting unanimous feeling of loyalty of the attendants of the meeting and the entire public health workers, sincerely wished good health and a long life to Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people and benevolent father of our public health workers, who always leads them to victory and glory, for the ultimate victory of our revolution, the eternal prosperity and development of our socialist fatherland and for the prosperity of the generations to come.

At the meeting Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of our Party and the 40 million Korean people, gave programmatic instructions on the militant tasks and role of the public health workers in the struggle for carrying out the decisions adopted at the Fifth Congress of the Party.

He posed for a photograph together with the entire attendants of the meeting.

Many comrades addressed the meeting.

The speakers confirmed their determination to further improve and intensify the public health work and bring about radical change in the promotion of health of our people by carrying through to the end the militant tasks the great Leader of the revolution Comrade Kim Il Sung set before the domain of public health at the historic Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea and at the Second Enlarged Plenum of the Fifth Party Central Committee and the programmatic instructions he gave at the current national meeting of public health workers.

The meeting adopted a letter of pledge to Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of our Party and the 40 million Korean people, amid uproarious applause of the entire attendants.

A message to the South Korean medical workers was also adopted with enthusiastic approval of the entire attendants at the meeting.

The meeting closed with the playing of the "Song of General Kim Il Sung."

Joint Communique

on Visit of the Party and Government Delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the Syrian Arab Republic Made Public

A joint communique on the visit of the Party and government delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea headed by Comrade Pak Sung Chul, Member of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and Second Vice-Premier of the Cabinet, to the Syrian Arab Republic was made public on May 24 in Damascus, according to a report from Damascus.

The joint communique reads:

The Party and government delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea headed by Pak Sung Chul, Member of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and Second Vice-Premier of the Cabinet of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, paid a friendship visit to the Syrian Arab Republic from May 19 to May 24 at the invitation of the Arab Socialist Baath Party and the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic.

Lieutenant General Hafez Al Assad, President of the Syrian Arab Republic, received the Party and government delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and on the occasion the delegation conveyed to him a personal letter from Premier Kim Il Sung, Head of State of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The delegation also met Ahmed El Khatib, Chairman of the People's Assembly, Abdel Rahman Khlayfawi, Premier, and Abdel Halim Khaddam, Deputy Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs.

During its stay in the Syrian Arab Republic, the delegation looked around Damascus and visited factories and cultural establishments and was accorded warm welcome by the fraternal Syrian people everywhere it went.

Talks were held in an atmosphere of friendship and mutual understanding between the Party and government delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea headed by Pak Sung Chul, Member of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Kora and Second Vice-Premier of the Cabinet, and the Party and government delegation of the Syrian Arab Republic headed by Abdulah Alahmad, Deputy Secretary of the Syrian Regional Leadership of the Arab Socialist Baath Party.

At the talks both sides exchanged views on the questions of strengthening the co-operation and friendship between the Parties, governments and peoples of the two countries and the questions of common concern and reached a complete identity of views.

The Syrian Arab side informed the Korean side in detail of the efforts exerted for the Arab unity and the formation of the Federation of Arab Republics which is of importance in realising the Arab unity, and of the efforts exerted by the Arab Socialist Baath Party and the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic for carrying out the Third Five-Year Plan, achieving the socialist transformation and economic development, raising the standard of the people, defending freedom and dignity and implementing the decisions of the Fifth Regional Congress of the Party.

The Korean side highly appraised the successes scored by the Syrian Arab people under the leadership of Hafez Al Assad, President of the Syrian Arab Republic, in building the firm foundation of an independent economy and attaining social progress and strengthening the defence capabilities of the country, and wished them continued progress and success in the future.

Considering that the formation of the federation of the three Arab countries—the Syrian Arab Republic, the United Arab Republic and the Libyan Arab Republic—is a big advance in opposing the U.S. imperialists and the Israeli aggressors, their lackeys, realising the Arab unity and uniting the anti-imperialist forces, the Korean side congratulated it.

The Korean side vehemently denounced the U.S. imperialists for craftily persisting in aggression and subversive manoeuvres against the Arab countries, continually supplying Zionists with greater quantities of new-type weapons and military equipment, expressed all-out support and solidarity for the struggle of the Syrian Arab people to restore the occupied Arab territories, defend the national dignity of the Arab people and achieve the unity of the Arab people and strongly held that the Israeli aggressors must unconditionally quit the occupied area.

Both sides expressed full support and solidarity for the just struggle of the Palestinian Arab people for the liberation of their homeland and the restoration of all their legitimate rights.

The Korean side informed the Syrian Arab side in detail of the successes made by the Korean people in revolution and construction and in the fulfilment of the Six-Year Plan put forth at the Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea under the banner of the *Juche* idea of the great Leader Premier Kim Il Sung, the South Korean situation and the anti-U.S., national-salvation struggle of the Korean people and the stand of the Workers' Party of Korea on the struggle against imperialism headed by U.S. imperialism.

The Syrian Arab side highly appraised the fact that the Korean people have converted their country, once a backward colonial agrarian state, into a powerful socialist industrial state in a short span of time by implementing the revolutionary line of independence, self-sustenance and self-defence in all spheres under the wise leadership of their respected and beloved Leader Premier Kim Il Sung, and wished them greater success in the future.

The Syrian Arab side sternly denounced the manoeuvres of aggression and war of the U.S. imperialists against Korea, expressed all-out support and firm solidarity for the anti-U.S. struggle of the South Korean revolutionaries and people and unreservedly supported the 8-point programme for national salvation reclarified at the Fifth Session of the Fourth Supreme People's Assembly along the line of independent, peaceful unification of Korea set forth by the great Leader Premier Kim Il Sung. The Syrian side also strongly held that the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops must immediately pull out of South Korea and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique be overthrown.

Both sides expressed active support for the struggle of the peoples of Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia against U.S. imperialism, strongly held that the U.S. imperialists must immediately quit Indochina and considered that the question of Indochina must be solved by the Indochinese peoples themselves.

Both sides expressed firm solidarity for the struggle of the Asian, African and Latin American peoples for freedom, liberation and the consolidation of national independence in resolute opposition to imperialism, colonialism and the policy of racial discrimination.

Both sides expressed satisfaction with the strengthening and development in various fields of the relations of friendship and co-operation sealed between the two Parties, the governments of the two countries and the Korean people and Syrian Arab people in the common struggle against U.S. imperialism and its lackeys, and manifested the common desire to further expand and develop these relations in the interests of the peoples of the two countries in the future. **(KCNA)**

Our Children Grow Up Happily in the Broad Bosom of the Leader

School Children's Train Sent by the Fatherly Marshal

There are three hamlets called Ryonha, Rokrim and Trong deep in a valley at the foot of the Rangrim Ranges some 100 kilometres northwest of Hyesan, the provincial seat of Ryanggang Province, a northern mountainous region of our country.

These hamlets surrounded by ancient forests have 19 children who go to a primary school about 6 kilometres away.

It is two years since these children began attending school by a children's train which brings them as near as the school gate in the morning and takes them back to their villages when school is over. The train stops at a place called Munjipyong just for three additional pupils on the way.

That is to say, the train operates exclusively for the convenience of the school children.

It was the summer of 1969. Marshal Kim Il Sung, the benevolent fatherly Leader of our people, asking in detail how the inhabitants fared in this remote mountainous area, how their children studied and other things, learned that the children had to attend a far-away school. Afterwards, the Leader personally saw to it that a children's train service was opened for the 19 pupils living in the out-of-the-way villages. Thus a railway station made its appearance in the remote mountainous area, the station master and other staff members were newly appointed.

The day of opening the train service came at last. When the train blowing a loud whistle pulled in the station, with the letters "School children's train sent by Marshal Kim Il Sung" and a large model of the emblem of the Young Pioneers' Corps put up on the front of the locomotive, the children jumped for joy and their parents and other village folks were moved to tears at the affectionate care shown by the fatherly Leader. They all shouted and shouted "Long live Marshal Kim Il Sung!"

Before liberation, not a single school was to be seen in this area shut up deep in mountains. No wonder, therefore, the peasants there felt only happy when the fatherly Leader had a primary school and even a middle school erected for their sons and daughters so that they could study to their heart's content without paying a penny. Blessed with the fathomlessly deep solicitude of the Leader, none of them ever minded the distance of the school at all.

It was the benevolent fatherly Leader Marshal Kim Il Sung who sent the school children's train, deeply caring how it would be troublesome for the children to tread the rugged mountain paths and what a heavy rain or snow they would encounter due to the adverse weather conditions in the mountainous area.

There are many leaders in the world. But we don't know yet a leader like our Leader who even cares how 19 children in obscure villages attend school and what a long distance they should cover. No children would be happier than ours who are growing up so happily in his bosom of warm and great affection!

At the sight of the school children's train, the villagers came to understand more clearly the real meaning of the teaching of the respected and beloved Leader Marshal Kim Il Sung who said: **"There is nothing sparing for the good of our children. Best things must be given to the children."**

Marshal Kim Il Sung, the benevolent father of all our children, now takes really profound care of them, the hope and future of the country, with the same warm affection as he showed for the Children's Corps members as far back as the days of the anti-Japanese armed struggle.

All necessary things for our children in their study and life—from pencils they use every day to the children's palaces—are, indeed, permeated with the warm love of the fatherly Leader.

Today, too, the children in the out-of-the-way hamlets of the Rangrim Ranges go to school by the children's train sent by the fatherly Marshal, with their Red scarves fluttering. Being models both in study and in the Young Pioneers' Corps activity, they are growing up into young revolutionary fighters, reliable reserves of the builders of communism, who are infinitely faithful to the father Marshal Kim Il Sung.

Yun No Ul

The train sent by the fatherly Marshal for 19 school children

Cradle of Happiness for Children

At a Co-operative Farm Creche

Thank you, Marshal Kim Il Sung,
Thank you, Marshal Kim Il Sung
Holding us in your warm bosom
To let us flower buds unfold
with a bland smile.

Upon our arrival at the Choyang Co-operative Farm, Hamju county, South Hamgyong Province, we first made our way to the creche, fascinated by the beautiful singing voices ringing out from its garden under green foliage. It was creche No. 1 of the co-op farm and its structure was the biggest and finest in the village. There we learned that the creche was honoured with the title of double Chollima workteam.

In the courtyard of the creche embosomed in verdant fruit trees, lovely children were romping about in high spirits. Some of them were singing a song whirling in a circle and clapping their hands. Some others were sitting in a boat-shaped swing or getting on a giant's stride. Still some others were disporting themselves in lovely manner at an air-bathing place... All were really charming and blissful.

The chief of the creche who ushered us in related the affectionate solicitude shown by the fatherly Leader Marshal Kim Il Sung for her creche, saying: "Our creche is, indeed, the cradle of happiness for children!"

On August 31, 1960, the respected and beloved Leader Marshal Kim Il Sung dropped in at this creche before giving on-the-spot guidance to the Choyang Co-operative Farm.

The Marshal personally felt the heated floor, mindful of whether the room was not cold and examined the quilts for the kids, even gauging their thickness and then said that in the past we Koreans brought up the children in a let-alone way, for we were badly off, but in our time we should rear the children better to see them grow up sound and healthy.

Paying deep attention to the education of the creche children, the fatherly Marshal instructed the staff members of the creche that they should properly teach the children how to sing, how to count and how to speak and should provide them with plenty of toys and musical instruments and set up various kinds of amusement facilities for them to gambol about freely.

The Marshal, stressing the need of regularly delivering cow's milk to the children, showed meticulous care for every aspect of the daily routine of the creche—supply of nutritious food, hygienic work and so on.

Listening to the chief of the creche, we felt again keenly the great affection of the fatherly Leader.

When speaking of the degree of love, people usually compare it to the height of mountain and the depth of the sea. But the great love shown by the Marshal for children is, indeed, higher than the mountain and deeper than the sea. Even in the arduous days of the anti-Japanese armed struggle, the Marshal held in his broad bosom those children whose parents were killed by the enemy and reared them into true revolutionaries. Today he established in this land a most advanced system under which children are brought up at state and public expense and is rearing all of them in his warm bosom.

The respected and beloved Leader Marshal Kim Il Sung taught:

"We should further develop the work of bringing up children under state and public care, which is an important task for the cultural revolution and the building of socialist society."

Children in Choyang village, too, are growing up happily and healthily in the great affectionate bosom of the fatherly Marshal who has pursued the communist policy of bringing up all children under public care.

According to the creche chief, the co-operative farm has 14 creches which take in almost all the kids of the co-op farm who are liable for accommodation. The number runs into more than 600.

These creches, like other creches in our country, accommodate little ones from 2 to 48 months old and nurture them at state and public expense.

They have classes for sucklings, weanlings and elder ones and excellent facilities for their upbringing.

After hearing this brief explanation from the creche chief, we made a round of her creche.

In a room we saw cots placed in rows and on them sweet sucklings who were asleep with white sheets and fine blankets sent by the Marshal pulled over them. Also lovely were kids and toddles learning how to count on their fingers in a class room.

In another room we watched weanlings play with various toys such as model planes and automobiles. In the medical office, a group of children were weighing themselves.

As told by the Marshal, the creche children are well-nourished and taken good care of in a sanitary way so that they are growing up well. The creche staff direct close attention to fostering children healthily: All the kids undergo 12 kinds of preveative vaccinations every year, and highly nutritious foods are served out to them according to their constitution and nutritive conditions.

We met with women farmers who came out of the room for suckling. One of the working mothers, Li Byong Chol, told us:

"We did not know even the word 'creche' in our childhood. But now our children are properly educated and are well-fed and well-grown at a palace-like nursery, all nicely dressed. So there is nothing we envy. This year, too, we will do our best to do our farming well so as to repay the unfathomable favours of the Marshal."

We paused for a good while in the "room for learning from Marshal Kim Il Sung" where the children to be enrolled in kindergartens before long were having a lesson on the "Story about the childhood of Marshal Kim Il Sung."

A little girl began explaining an illustration gesturing with her both hands.

She admirably explained all the 25 illustrations one after another, saying: "Marshal Kim Il Sung shooting devilish Japanese imperialist policemen with an elastic sling," "Marshal Kim Il Sung lending a helping hand to grown-ups at home."

Learning from the childhood life of the father Marshal Kim Il Sung, all the kids are growing into reliable reserves for the building of communism who love the country, hate the enemy, value the collective, respect adults and love labour most.

Indeed, our children growing happily in the infinitely generous and tender bosom of the fatherly Marshal are envious of nothing in the world.

That is why a Congolese guest made the following entry in the guest book after the inspection of the creche:

"You children living in the era of Kim Il Sung are very happy indeed. When I go back to the Congo, I will tell the Congolese children that they should look at the Korean children if they want to see their future."

Reading these words prior to our departure, we felt again more deeply that our little ones living in the bosom of the Marshal are the happiest in the world.

Hong Ung Yang

Kindergarten Children's Clothes Are Also Laden with Great Affection of the Fatherly Leader

Marshal Kim Il Sung, the benevolent fatherly Leader of our people, directs utmost solicitude to all the students and children that they are provided with clothes by the state at the change of season every year. Nor is this all.

The Marshal, despite the claims of his busy life directing the state affairs, finds time to receive in person newly-dressed students to see if the cuts of their uniforms are to their liking and if their uniforms fit them well or not.

This spring, too, the fatherly Leader called pre-school children to his presence to see how they were attired in new clothes.

On the morning of March 17 last, more than 30 children of the Pyongyang Namsan Kindergarten and March 8 Kindergarten went to the office of the Party Central Committee where the fatherly Marshal was; all of them were prettily clad in coloured clothes of various patterns — jumpers, puckered skirts, sweaters, nylon trousers, etc. — and had attractive boots on.

Marshal Kim Il Sung, the benevolent father of all children of our country, appeared in the reception room. At the moment the kindergarten children who noticed the fatherly Leader darted up to him all at once and then bowed deeply, each saying "How do you do, Marshal Kim Il Sung?" in a high-pitched voice. Quite forgetting their teachers' admonition that no one should get ill-mannered, some greeted the Marshal hanging on the edge of his coat and others who belatedly ran forward offered him greetings from behind, exclaiming "Dear Marshall Dear Marshal!"

The fatherly Leader, with a broad smile on his face, held the children in his arms one by one to give them an affectionate pat.

The Marshal paused for a while to see how the children were dressed and said with an air of much satisfaction that they were very pretty, adding that their clothes and footwear were all nice.

Even in the days of the hard-fought anti-Japanese armed struggle for the liberation of the country, the fatherly Leader Marshal Kim Il Sung saw that the precious money he had received from his mother Mrs. Kang Ban Sok, which was permeated with her warm love and associated with her tireless efforts, was spent to clothe the members of the Children's Corps at Maanshan who were in rags.

With regard to the need of bringing up the children into fine revolutionaries of the future, he said in an earnest tone at that time:

...We treasure and love the children precisely because we are Communists.

It does not proceed only from the pure human nature that we hold dear and love the children.

We treasure and love them because our goal of struggle is to make them enjoy a good life in a happy society free from exploitation and oppression in the future, and because the bright future of the Korean revolution rests exactly on them....

It is with such a great affection and tender heart that the fatherly Leader has all along shown so deep a concern and warm care for the upbringing of the rising generation till now since he set out on the road of revolution in his early years.

The Marshal was silent for a while, apparently wrapped in a deep thought. At the sight of a little girl with a pair of blue-coloured boots on, he remarked that the colour of her boots was really good and went so far as to bend his knees to take one of them off by himself. He then put his hand into the boot and said that it would do in winter, too, if the boots were lined with thick woolen fabric. One of the functionaries picked out a pair of boots lined with warm woolen fabric and presented them to the Marshal, who felt them a while and said with a look of great satisfaction that such would be well enough even when the children were made to play outdoors in winter.

Having examined the boots of the children, the Marshal carefully observed a variety of clothes they had on, and fingered their clothes one by one, saying that all were nice. The Marshal adjusted the neckband of a child's clothes or pressed the edge of another child's jumper, facing him about, and said that jumper was nice to boys and panty jointed with stockings was very good for girls.

That day the fatherly Leader showed another deep concern about the problems of children's clothing and footwear, saying that the prices of children's clothes should be further lowered and that various kinds of footwear including boots be mass-produced to let them have smart footwear in all seasons.

Then the Marshal told the functionaries concerned time and again that money should not be stinted to keep the children well dressed. The fatherly Leader allocates the best and valuable things to the children and spares nothing for them. It is thanks to his infinitely tender affection that the children in our country now grow up happily, studying and playing to their heart's content without envying anyone else in the world, and prepare themselves reliably as revolutionary soldiers loyal to the Leader and as future communist builders.

Yun Jong Ok

Our children growing up happily in the bosom of the fatherly Leader

DPRK Football Team Beats Syrian Team

In Games of Asian Regional Football Preliminaries, Group C, for Olympics

The first and second games were held respectively on May 28 and June 1 in Pyongyang, the capital of revolution, between the football teams of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Syrian Arab Republic participating in the Asian regional football preliminaries, group C, for the 20th Summer Olympics.

Great numbers of working people, youth and students and sports fans in the city saw the matches.

Both games were umpired by Haque Ikramul, international referee of India.

In the first game our footballers took repeated slashing offensives, combining wing attacks with midfield breakthrough in quick action and by accurate passing and well-organised tactical teamwork, whereas the Syrian players attempted surprise counterattacks, relying mainly on all-out defence. The game ended in a nil-all draw.

In the second game, too, our eleven mounted fierce attacks, taking the initiative throughout. It scored a goal about 30 minutes after the first half was started. Whenever a chance offered itself, the Syrian footballers went over to an offensive and tried to get a goal but in vain because of the iron defence by their opponents.

The game ended 1:0 in favour of the home team.

The matches proceeded in a friendly atmosphere from start to finish.

A scene of the football game held between the Korean and Syrian teams for Olympic preliminaries

"Korea Is Precisely Where New Generation Are Growing in Greatest Happiness"

World People Say in Unison

Today youths and children of our country under the warm care of the fatherly Leader Marshal Kim Il Sung are all growing happily with nothing more to desire in the world, studying to their heart's content.

In our country more than 200,000 students now study at 129 universities and colleges and some 500 higher technical schools, and the number of the students benefited by the universal compulsory nine-year technical education runs into 3,200,000 and more.

Entirely free education is given to all: students of higher educational institutions are granted even stipends by the state.

Such an advanced, superb education system in our country calls forth the highest commendation among the foreign friends.

Mme. Narcelle Corsawant, Council Member of the Women's International Democratic Federation and Secretary General of the Swiss Women's Union for Peace and Progress, said: "I feel an irresistible admiration for the universal compulsory nine-year technical education introduced in your country. With the introduction of the universal compulsory nine-year technical education, your country has ranked as the most advanced one in the field of public education."

Abdul Jawad Hawad Al-Jasem, Member of the Council of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Syria and Vice-Chairman of the Petroleum Workers Trade Union, said that it is beyond imagination in the capitalist society for the children of ordinary workers and peasants to receive higher education, and went on to say admiringly:

"In the Democratic People's Republic of Korea the universal compulsory nine-year technical education is carried into effect, and university or college students study as hard as they can, receiving even stipends. In particular, even factories and enterprises have colleges, where all get higher education to the full."

Bernardo Arada, Representative of the Executive Secretariat of the Organization of Solidarity of the Peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America, remarked:

"The children in Korea are happy, indeed. I could certainly witness once again the great victory of the socialist system there.... I could see that a splendid future is in store for the Korean children from the first day of their birth.

"They study as much as they want from childhood and have a hand in arts, culture, science, sports and what not according to their own taste and talents, cultivating them to an unbounded extent. I realized that all this results from the correct policy of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government headed by Marshal Kim Il Sung and owes to his utmost care for the rising generation in particular."

The head of a kindergarten delegation of Viet Nam said: "Thanks to the affectionate solicitude of the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung creches, kindergartens and schools for children and students have been built at the most scenic and best places in Korea" and added: "There is no doubt that the Korean children and students growing in such wonderful environment will become fine Communists in the future."

The head of a trade union delegation of Hungary said: "Korea is precisely where the new generation are growing in the greatest happiness. What I mean is that they are growing in the broad bosom of Comrade Kim Il Sung. I see the morrow of Korea in the beaming smiles on the children's faces. Those studying at the Children's and Students' Palace do not simply remain students but will grow into the creditable socialist constructors in the future, I believe."

Many other foreign friends offer the highest honour to Marshal Kim Il Sung, the benevolent fatherly Leader of the 40 million Korean people, who has brought such happiness to the Korean youth and children, saying: "We have never thought of a paradise of children like this," "The younger generation must be educated in such a way as Comrade Kim Il Sung does," and "Korea is now wealthy and strong and has a brighter future. It will become richer and stronger further still."

"The Report of Premier KIM IL SUNG Serves as a Torch Which Lights Up Our Path Ahead and as Valuable Pabulum of Revolution That Invigorates and Encourages Us"

Hearty Response of the South Korean People to the Report Delivered by the Outstanding Leader of Revolution Comrade KIM IL SUNG at the Historic Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea

The South Korean revolutionaries and patriotic people who express unbounded veneration for Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of our Party and the 40 million Korean people, as the sun of the nation and who regard his great revolutionary ideas as pabulum in their struggle and life are immeasurably encouraged by his programmatic report presented to the historic Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea and they are making a deep study of it.

Saying that the harder they study the report, the more keenly they realize that the happiest of all are the Korean people who forge ahead under the revolutionary banner of the ever-victorious revolutionary idea, *Juche* idea, of the great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, they confirm their unshakable determination to keep up the vigorous struggle for the South Korean revolution and the unification of the country along one road of fresh victory indicated by him.

"The Respected and Beloved Leader Premier KIM IL SUNG Is the Great Sun That Has Ushered in a New Era in the History of Our Nation"

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people, said as follows:

"The greatest achievement made in socialist construction during the period under review is that our country has been converted into a socialist industrial state as a result of the splendid fulfilment of the historic task of socialist industrialization."

Informed of the historic report of the respected and beloved Leader through radio broadcasts, publications and various other media, the South Korean people feel irresistible admiration for the great historic changes that have taken place in the northern half of the Republic.

Provided with an opportunity to learn of the report of the respected and beloved Leader, at the time of his visit to Japan, a South Korean inhabitant said with surging emotion:

"The report delivered by the Premier stirs the fellow-countrymen in the South immensely. It was a century-long desire of our nation to build a completely sovereign independent state, a developed socialist industrial state, in our homeland. What a splendid reality it is to see the long-cherished desire of our people accomplished in the northern half of the country today!

"This is a great event that will eternally shine in the history of our nation."

A South Korean inhabitant had this to say:

"Usually it takes at least 100 years to build an industrial state, they say. But in the northern half it took a short time of only 14 years to build an industrial state. We can say that this is really an epoch-making miracle, a monumental success in the modern history."

A South Korean technician who, while on a visit to Japan, came to know more about the development of the independent modern industry built in the northern half of the Republic, remarked as follows:

"I have witnessed in Japan too that the technical development made on her own covers a tiny fraction and the greater part of it is under foreign patent. More than 90 per cent of the raw materials are imported from foreign countries at that.. Well, the northern half of the Republic has built an independent modern industry entirely with its own strength, its own technique and its own raw materials in the spirit of self-reliance, and thus has become a model of industrial state in the world."

The South Korean people say in unison that the great historic changes which have been brought about in the northern half of the Republic are exactly the embodiment of the immortal *Juche* idea of the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and the result of his wise guidance.

A South Korean inhabitant said that he felt higher national pride and self-confidence when he heard the Leader's report, and went on:

"The respected and beloved Leader Premier Kim Il Sung is the great sun that has ushered in a new era in the history of our nation.

"In the past our country remained a backward, colonial semi-feudal society due to the treacherous acts of the impotent feudal rulers and the evil colonial rule of Japanese imperialism, and this made our nation undergo all sorts of national humiliation and ill-treatment.

"But today the northern half of the Republic has been turned into a socialist industrial state under the wise guidance of the respected and beloved Leader Marshal Kim Il Sung. As a result our nation has become able to demonstrate its prestige to the whole world as a most dignified nation."

Having studied the programmatic report of the respected and beloved Leader, a South Korean intellectual noted:

"The report is an immortal historic literature which summed up the overall victory for his everlasting, brilliant *Juche* idea.

"I was impressed by the *Juche* idea of the great Leader Premier Kim Il Sung to an unlimited extent. The prosperity as seen today in the northern half of the Republic is ascribable to the idea of solving all problems by one's own efforts without relying on others."

A South Korean revolutionary said:

"The *Juche* idea put forward by the Leader is precisely the decisive guarantee for the victory of revolution. Through the study of the report I have come to realize more clearly that when one marches ahead under the uplifted banner of *Juche*, one will find nothing beyond one's power in this world but be able to win final victory in the revolution, overcoming any trials."

"National Unification Should Be Realized Only in Accordance with the Line Made Clear by Premier KIM IL SUNG"

In his report the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung analyzed and summed up the historical experiences gained in the South Korean revolution, and set forth the strategic and tactical lines and programmatic tasks to expedite the South Korean revolution and the independent unification of the country.

The South Korean revolutionaries and people are unanimous in saying that the lines and tasks serve as a torch which brightly illumines the path ahead in their struggle.

A South Korean revolutionary stated as follows:

"The report of Premier Kim Il Sung serves as a torch which lights up our path ahead and as valuable pabulum of revolution that invigorates and encourages us. We are now striving in every way to make the Leader's report our bones and flesh."

A young man surnamed Pak in Seoul, who heard the report of the respected and beloved Leader over the radio, said: "Premier Kim Il Sung has put in our hands an all-conquering important weapon of victoriously knocking down the Yankee devils and their pawns."

The South Korean revolutionaries and patriotic people evinced the following determination to study hard the Leader's report so as to make it their bones and flesh and turn it into a weapon of struggle.

"The Premier's report constitutes a textbook which clearly shows the path to be followed by us South Korean people who have risen up in the struggle to drive out the Yankee devils and unify the country."

"National unification should be realized only in accordance with the line made clear by Premier Kim Il Sung. The more I read the report, the more deeply I realize how just his line on national unification is. I am firmly resolved to devote my all to the sacred struggle for the unification of the country as a revolutionary soldier of the Leader."

"National unification is not the thing of a distant future. This I have been more definitely convinced of while studying the Premier's report....

"At present the situation develops just as was clearly foretold by Premier Kim Il Sung. The people in the northern half are rallied as one around the Premier. The point is that when we induce even a single more of the South Korean people to take an active part in the struggle against the Yankee devils, bearing deep in our minds the lines and policies elucidated by Premier Kim Il Sung, an uprising like the April 19 Popular Uprising will certainly break out and then it will spell a complete ruin to the brutish Yankees and Japs and such human dregs as the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique."

As seen above, deriving greater courage and confidence from the development of the northern half of the Republic which turned into a socialist industrial state, the South Korean people are today looking forward to the day of national unification and burning with the earnest desire to live a happy life in the tender bosom of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people, in a unified country.

Flames of June 3 Struggle Are Still Burning in South Korea

Seven years have flown by since the June 3 struggle of the South Korean young students and people. The June 3 struggle in 1964 started with the March 24 demonstration of Seoul University students against the treacherous "South Korea-Japan talks" held under the manipulation of U.S. imperialism. It was a just anti-imperialist, anti-fascist and patriotic struggle to thwart the aggressive policy of U.S. imperialism and the reinvasion scheme of Japanese militarism against South Korea and to overthrow the Pak Jung Hi fascist hordes, a pack of traitors.

The struggle lasted for two months and a half, involving more than 310,000 students of 53 universities and colleges and 173 middle or high schools and tens of thousands of people in all parts of South Korea, and culminated in a struggle for wrecking the fascist ruling machinery of the puppet clique on June 3.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people, said as follows:

"This patriotic, progressive struggle of the students and youth, which lasted over 70 days from March 24 to June 5, dealt another heavy blow to the Pak Jung Hi clique and the U.S. imperialists." (Kim Il Sung, *Selected Works*, Vol. IV, p. 237.)

Through the June 3 struggle the South Korean young students and people demonstrated their lofty patriotism and indomitable fighting spirit to oppose U.S. imperialism and reinvasion of the Japanese militarists, uphold the dignity and honour of the nation, overthrow the colonial fascist rule of U.S. imperialism and its pawns and win genuine freedom and liberation, and struck a sledge-hammer blow at the enemies.

The U.S. imperialists and the traitorous Pak Jung Hi clique declared "martial law" and set loose the puppet army tens of thousands strong, not to speak of the puppet police, for the bloody suppression of the students who took part in the struggle. They arrested, imprisoned and killed them at random. The devils, in the long run, brought the "South Korea-Japan talks" to a conclusion and rigged up the "South Korea-Japan treaty" in 1965, and began to bring the Japanese militarists into South Korea in real earnest to further intensify the new war provocation manoeuvres.

The Japanese militarists revived and rearmed as the "shock force" of U.S. imperialism under its wings, recklessly attempting to realize their old dream of a "Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere," have reinvaded South Korea in real earnest to establish their control over the political, economic and cultural domains. They have now entered the stage of undisguised military infiltration and mapped out even the "operational plans" against the Korean people.

The traitorous Pak Jung Hi clique, the dual stooge of U.S. and Japanese aggressors, have reduced South Korea to a military base of U.S. imperialism and to its military appendage more thoroughly, frantically brought the Japanese militarist forces into South Korea at the dictates of U.S. imperialism, intensified the exploitation, plunder and murderous fascist suppression of the people and committed traitorous acts unscrupulously for the execution of the war policy of U.S. imperialism.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people, taught:

"Where there are exploitation and oppression, there always breaks out the revolutionary struggle of the people and where oppressors intensify their tyranny, the people's struggle against it always becomes more organized and tenacious." ("Answers to the Questions Raised by Foreign Correspondents," p. 95.)

The present catastrophic situation in South Korea resulting from the brutal colonial military fascist rule of the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, their mangy dogs, has inflamed the hatred and indignation of the South Korean young students and people and touched off a new wave of their mass anti-U.S., national-salvation struggle.

Infinitely revering Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people and the sun of our nation, the South Korean people are fighting bravely against the enemies in town and country, underground and in mountains, in prisons and at "courts" along the lines of the South Korean revolution and national unification charted by the Leader. Particularly, with the enhancement of the leading role of the Revolutionary Party for Reunification, the unified Marxist-Leninist Party and the Party of the working class, the struggle of the South Korean people is gaining in scope and strength from day to day, imparting consciousness to itself and lending itself to organization.

The South Korean young students waged the June 3 struggle in the teeth of the ruthless suppression by the military fascist dictatorship and then have unfolded mass struggles one after another — the struggle for baffling the conclusion of the "South Korea-Japan treaty" in August 1965, the struggle against the June 8 fraudulent "elections" of the Pak Jung Hi clique in 1967 and the struggle against the "constitutional amendment for the third-term election" in 1969. They recently turned out in a valiant struggle for opposing and rejecting the militarization of schools, the fraudulent "elections" of the traitor Pak Jung Hi and his cooked-up "return" as the puppet "president" and for winning democratic freedom and rights.

The fresh wave of mass struggle started by the university and college students in Seoul on April 2 last spread all over South Korea with increasing intensity.

All the developments in South Korea show that with no amount of brutal fascist repression can the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique ever repress the aspiration of the South Korean young students and people fighting against the colonial fascist rule and for democratic freedom and rights, a new government and a new life, and quench the flames of their struggle.

The South Korean young students and people who have been further awakened and steeled in the course of the hard-fought struggle have keenly realized again particularly through the recent "election" of the puppet "president" that there cannot be the replacement of political power by peaceful means in South Korea and that they can win freedom and liberation only by revolutionary violence.

The South Korean young students and people drawing inspiration from the powerful revolutionary base — impregnable fortress — in the northern half of the Republic will arm themselves more firmly with the great revolutionary ideas of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the genius Leader of revolution, and with his strategy and tactics, wage the decisive struggle and thereby terminate the colonial rule of U.S. imperialism, topple the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique and win the final victory without fail.

Li Chol

Salute 53rd Anniversary of Afghanistan's Independence

Afghanistan greets the 53rd anniversary of her independence on May 27.

On this occasion, the Korean people send warm congratulations to the Afghan people.

The independence of Afghanistan was an event of great significance in the history of her people's struggle for her independent development and national prosperity.

The great Leader of the 40 million Korean people Comrade Kim Il Sung said as follows:

"Under the powerful impact of the national-liberation movement the chains of colonial slavery are falling apart everywhere, and the colonial system of imperialism which has spelled so many miseries and sufferings for humanity is crumbling to dust." ("Answers to the Questions Raised by Foreign Correspondents," pp. 2-3.)

The Afghan people started to build a new life with hope and passion after they threw off the chains of colonial slavery and gained national independence.

Since the country's independence the Afghan people executed three five-year plans, during which they have achieved many successes.

In Afghanistan oil, gas and other extractive industries and electric power industry have developed, and land readjustment and irrigation projects made brisk headway thanks to the efforts of her industrious people.

The Korean people rejoice over all the successes attained by the Afghan people in the struggle for creating a new life as over their own.

The U.S.-led imperialists and colonialists who dislike the independence of Afghanistan and her independent development and prosperity are carrying on all sorts of disruptive acts to stamp out her independence, and are scheming to subjugate this country economically with "aid" as a bait. However, the Afghan people who saw more clearly than anyone else the aggressive and predatory nature of the imperialists through their bitter experience of colonial slavery in the past keep a sharp lookout for the imperialists' aggression, interference, subversions and sabotages, maintaining the anti-imperialist stand. The Afghan people condemn the sanguinary aggressive war of the U.S. imperialists in Indochina and their open intervention in the Arab nations and actively support the just liberation struggle of the peoples in these regions. They develop the relations of friendship and cooperation with the newly-independent countries and the socialist countries.

The Afghan people positively support our people's just cause for chasing U.S. imperialism out of South Korea and achieving the independent unification of the fatherland.

The Korean people actively support the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. measures of the Afghan people and their struggle for the country's independent development and prosperity and are grateful to them for their support to our people's struggle for the country's unification.

The relations of friendship and cooperation between the peoples of Korea and Afghanistan are getting closer for community of the life they lived as colonial peoples in the past and for the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle they are waging today.

Our people will make energetic efforts to strengthen and develop the relations of friendship and cooperation with the Afghan people in the future, too, as in the past.

On the occasion of the 53rd anniversary of Afghanistan's independence the Korean people wish her people new success in the struggle against imperialism and for their country's independent development and prosperity.

Kim Ung Sop

Another Foul Fraudulent Election of Pak Jung Hi Puppet Clique, Pack of Dogs of U.S. Imperialism, by Administrative Power and Money

The "election" to the puppet national assembly was held in South Korea on May 25 last under the so-called "supervision of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea," a tool of U.S. imperialism for its aggression and a band of swindlers on its payroll, and the "return" of hangers-on of the traitor Pak Jung Hi was fabricated.

The recent "election" was a replica of the last April 27 "election" of the puppet president widely known as the unprecedentedly fraudulent "election" and another disgusting burlesque. The Pak Jung Hi puppet clique fully employed the powers of administration and money and resorted to brutal fascist terrorism and every conceivable fraud and deceit in order to cook up their "return" to realize their ambition of the long-term "office."

Prior to the "election," the traitor Pak Jung Hi mobilized the "central intelligence bureau," the puppet police and all other terrorist groups and intensified fascist outrages. These paws of the quisling Pak Jung Hi wantonly arrested, imprisoned and put on murderous "trial" the South Korean young students who turned out in the mass struggle, exposing the dirty inside of the fraudulent April 27 "election," demanding the invalidation of the cooked-up "return" of the traitor Pak Jung Hi as the puppet "president," rejecting the May 25 "election" and crying for campus freedom and democratic rights. Moreover, they subjected the masses of the people and the opponent force to bestial terrorism.

The traitorous Pak Jung Hi clique spent the "election funds" supplied by the U.S. and Japanese aggressors and the "national funds" extorted from the people in bribing the "voters" and the "election campaigners" of the opponent force in a big way. At the same time, they committed all kinds of illicit acts everywhere—"double registration of voters," "registration of bogus voters," "forgery of ballot papers" and what not.

On the day of "election" the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, on the basis of such "preparations," brought all the suppressive forces into action to threaten the people at the point of the bayonet and committed in a big way everywhere in South Korea all sorts of voting frauds including open voting, casting fraudulent votes in bundles, voting by proxy, and perpetrated ballot-counting frauds—the stealing of ballots, and invalidation of the votes in their disfavour—after forcibly expelling the opponent "election observers."

The recent "election" glaringly reveals once again the reactionary, anti-popular and undemocratic foul nature of the "election" held in South Korea under the jackboots of the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops.

The traitor Pak Jung Hi at the dictates of U.S. imperialism tried by hook or by crook to get his righthand men to monopolize the "seats" of the puppet national assembly through the recent "election" farce in an attempt to further cement the system of one-party dictatorship, but could never break the ever-mounting anti-fascist fighting spirit of the people.

This is to be seen, as admitted by the rascals themselves, from the fact that the highest abstention rate ever in the history of "election" in South Korea was registered in the recent "election" to the puppet national assembly because the South Korean people assumed the "cold attitude" from the outset, saying that "We do not care at all about the election," that the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique failed to attain their original aim of monopolizing the "seats" of the puppet national assembly though they intensified bloody fascist suppression and rigged an election as never before and that the number of seats won by the opponent force increased markedly.

The South Korean young students and people have long and persistently waged and are waging a mass struggle against the military fascist dictatorship of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique and the "election" farce in the teeth of unheard-of fascist suppression.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people, said as follows:

"...The April 19 Popular Uprising and the subsequent developments afforded a serious lesson that the people could win their democratic freedom and rights only through a decisive revolutionary struggle to drive out the U.S. imperialist aggressors from South Korea and overthrow U.S. imperialist colonial rule, and that this struggle would emerge victorious only when the broad masses of the people including workers, peasants and student youths were mobilized under the leadership of a Marxist-Leninist Party, the advanced detachment of the working class." ("Report on the Work of the Central Committee to the Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea," p. 86.)

The South Korean people have clearly realized once again through the recent fraudulent two "elections" in South Korea that the "election" will bring them nothing, there can be no replacement of political power by peaceful means and they can not win democratic freedom and rights as long as the U.S. imperialists occupy South Korea and their colonial rule continues.

The South Korean people will never fail to topple the colonial rule of U.S. imperialism and the military fascist dictatorship of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, win freedom and liberation by unfolding a decisive revolutionary struggle.

Li Jip

Criminal Huddle of U.S. Imperialists' Two Dogs against Korean and Arab Peoples

The so-called deputy foreign minister of the Israeli Zionist clique, South Korean reports say, crept into South Korea some time ago to have talks with the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique behind the curtain.

These dogs yapped about "promotion of friendship" and "increase of trade" between Israel and South Korea, and held a huddle on the "situation in the Near and Middle East."

This shows that the two dirty puppets of U.S. imperialism are coming into a closer compact to commit criminal acts against the Korean and Arab peoples.

The tie-up between the South Korean puppet clique and the Israeli Zionist clique started long ago.

It is well known that the South Korean puppet clique went so far as to rave that they would send "volunteers," welcoming with open arms the criminal armed invasion launched against Egypt by the Anglo-French imperialists and the Israeli reactionaries at the active instigation of U.S. imperialism in 1956.

The compact between these two puppets has got close rapidly particularly since the Pak Jung Hi military gang staged the "military coup" and usurped the puppet regime in South Korea under the manipulation of U.S. imperialism.

The Pak Jung Hi puppet clique sent Israel a "goodwill mission" headed by the hooligan South Korean puppet ambassador in Britain less than two months after they came to "power." Since then, they have dispatched the so-called "delegation of national assembly," "economic mission" and "military delegation" and other delegations one after another to strengthen the political, economic and military tie-up with the Israeli expansionists.

In this course the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique have heaped malicious slanders and calumnies upon the Arab people, siding with the Israeli reactionaries more actively than any puppets else.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of revolution, said as follows:

"The Middle East crisis has resulted from the aggressive manoeuvres of the imperialists headed by the U.S. imperialists who, putting up the Zionists as a 'shock force,' are trying to suffocate the anti-imperialist national-liberation struggle mounting among the Arab people and bring this area under their yoke. And it is entirely because of the brazen aggressive machinations of the Israeli aggressors and their manipulators, the U.S. imperialists, that the crisis has not yet been solved and the situation in the Near and Middle East still remains tense." ("Answers to the Questions Raised by Foreign Correspondents," p. 121.)

The armed invasion launched by the Israeli reactionaries under the manipulation of U.S. imperialism in 1967 was a brigandish aggressive act against all the Arab countries, an outrageous challenge to the national independence and sovereignty of the peoples in this region and, at the same time, it was an intolerable act to jeopardize peace in the Near and Middle East and the rest of the world.

This notwithstanding, the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique gave unstinted praise to the brigandish aggressive acts of the Israeli reactionaries and committed the unpardonable foolhardy act of hurling malignant slanders and calumnies at the victim, the Arab people.

At that time the South Korean puppets even invited the "military delegation" of the Israeli reactionaries to South Korea to confer "decorations" on its members. Moreover, the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique have cried hoarsely that U.S. imperialism should render "assistance" to the Israeli expansionists in their anti-Arab machinations to bar the advance of the Arab countries toward progress and that the "U.S. intervention is inevitable" and the "expansion of Nasser's forces should be guarded against to "protect the concession of the oil monopolies of U.S. imperialism in the Near and Middle East. And the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique unscrupulously perpetrated the reckless criminal act of openly calling for the overthrow of the UAR government.

The Israeli Zionist clique, on their part, bestowed their unqualified praise on and incited the heinous traitorous acts committed by the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, to say nothing of the colonial rule of U.S. imperialism over South Korea and its new war provocation manoeuvres.

The aim of the recent criminal confab which the villainous deputy foreign minister of the Israeli reactionaries held with the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique in South Korea, is to further strengthen the criminal compact between the two running dogs of U.S. imperialism and execute more faithfully the aggressive policy of U.S. imperialism against the Korean and Arab peoples.

It goes without saying that such compact and criminal acts of these two dogs are the product of the strategy of U.S. imperialism for aggression and their direct manipulator is U.S. imperialism.

The recent closed-door confab held in Seoul by the two lackeys patently shows that the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique and the Israeli reactionaries are the heinous common enemy of the Korean and Arab peoples.

The Korean people will keep up a vigorous fight in firm unity with the peoples in Arab countries and the rest of the world in order to thoroughly frustrate all aggressive moves of U.S. imperialism and its two puppets, the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique and the Israeli reactionaries.

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